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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020, 10:00AM

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader 1: If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

Reader 2: The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence.” So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

Reader 1: We light this first candle as a sign of our *hope*. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

Reader 2: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Light a purple candle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, people of faith, come join your hearts in worship.

P: **We hear the invitation and hunger to join in the feast.**

L: God is faithful and calls us into the loving presence of Jesus, who is the Christ.

P: **We come to join with those who watch and wait and celebrate. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent, remind us again that in the midst of our darkness; you are bringing us hope, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your hope in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. AMEN.

In Our Prayers..

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

Irene Goff

Carol Ensley

Steve & Lynne Farnsworth

Deb Nissen

-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

**The loved ones of those who passed away, including:*

Janice Kassel

Mae Stevens

**Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities*

**Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.*

**All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, contact the church office at 712-852-2154.*

Thank You!

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

***SCRIPTURE READINGS** Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-2

Micah 5:2

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Matthew 2:1-2

*¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem
²and asked,
“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?
We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

“Presidents and Kings”

***CLOSING HYMN**

469 Jesus is All the World to Me

***BLESSING**

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

God is Good!

Birthdays...

November

30 Betty Sue Strohmman

December

3 Irene Goff

4 Tammy Naig

Jim Tonderum

5 Jodi Ward

Jaden Ward

Anniversaries...

No Anniversaries this week

December Liturgists

12/6 Susan Embrock

12/13 Sarah Frederick

12/20 Jodi Ward

12/24 Michelle Kogel

12/27 Danielle Ditch



#211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1. O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Refrain
3. Oh, come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Refrain
4. O come, thou Root of Jess's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.
Refrain
5. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home:
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Refrain
6. O Come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Refrain
7. O come desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
Deliver us from earthly strife.
Refrain

#469 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

1. Jesus is all the world to me,
my life, my joy, my all;
he is my strength from day to day,
without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go,
no other one can cheer me so;
when I am sad, he makes me glad,
he's my friend.
2. Jesus is all the world to me,
my friend in trials sore;
I go to him for blessings, and
he gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain,
he sends the harvest's golden grain;
sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
he's my friend.
3. Jesus is all the world to me,
and true to him I'll be;
O how could I this friend deny,
when he's so true to me?
Following him I know I'm right,
he watches o'er me day and night;
following him by day and night,
he's my friend.
4. Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when
life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friend,
beautiful life that has no end;
eternal life, eternal joy,
he's my friend.

#251 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Vs. 1)

- Refrain*
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born
1. While shepherd kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.
Refrain

**All Worship Services
are currently online
Until at least January 10, 2021**

Two ways to Livestream the Worship Service:

www.facebook.com/EmmetsburgFUMC/

www.zoom/j/7128522154

***Contact the church for the password**

**All In Person Church related activities are
suspended until January 10, 2021**

Per the Bishop Laurie Haller and the Iowa United Methodist Conference. It is mandated that all in person Church related activities cease immediately until January 10, 2021.